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Disputation über die Doktorarbeit von

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Extremal Hypergraphs for Ryser's Conjecture

Thema der Disputation:

Stanley-Wilf Limits Are Typically Exponential

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Abstract: An n -permutation σ is said to contain a k -permutation π if there are integers $1 = x_1 < \dots < x_k = n$ such that $s(x_i) < s(x_j)$ if and only if $p(i) < p(j)$; otherwise σ is said to avoid p . Let $S_n(p)$ denote the number of n -permutations avoiding p . It was a long-standing conjecture that for every k -permutation p the limit $L(p) = \lim_n S_n(p)^{1/n}$ exists. The conjecture was eventually proven in 2004 by Marcus and Tardos. Their proof gives a doubly exponential upper bound on $L(p)$, although it was widely believed that it should be at most quadratic in k . A recent paper by Fox strongly disproves this notion, showing that $L(p) = 2^{O((k/\log k)^{1/4})}$ for almost every k -permutation p . He also improves on the upper bound, showing $L(p) = 2^{O(k)}$ for every k -permutation p . In this talk, I will show Fox's proof that $L(p)$ is typically exponential in k , and if time permits, also discuss his improvement of the upper bound.

Die Disputation besteht aus dem o. g. Vortrag, danach der Vorstellung der Dissertation einschließlich jeweils anschließenden Aussprachen.

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